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Dear Dr. Reigart:

Thank you for your letter regarding the second edition of the report on children's environmental health indicators, America's Children and the Environment: Measures of Contaminants, Body Burden, and Health.

We believe that the first report, America's Children and the Environment: A First View of Available Measures, provided important information on our national progress in protecting children from environmental hazards. We are confident that the second report will provide new, useful information on indicators relating to health effects in children resulting from environmental exposures.

The report is undergoing an interagency review. EPA staff are now working to address the comments that were received, and we hope to have the report available very soon. I am committed to ensuring that EPA provides accurate and timely information to the public, and I have asked the Office of Children's Health Protection to keep the Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee updated on the status of the report's release.

Once again, thank you for your continued interest and support for EPA's efforts in behalf of children's environmental health.

Sincerely yours,

Christine Todd Whitman